

## POISONED WOMAN WAS MISS JEANNETTE SOMBY

She Passed as "Nellie Myrtle," and Was Taken Dying from a Resort on Thirty-fifth Street After Pawning Some Fine Jewels Said to Have Been Stolen.

The girl who was taken in a cab to Roosevelt Hospital last night under the name of Nellie Myrtle, and who died an hour later of opium poisoning, is Jeannette Somby, who until March 24 lived at the home of John Strobel, No. 31 East Kinney street, Newark.

Miss Somby had been separated from her relatives for about four years, and had been a boon companion of Mamie Melando, who figured prominently in the Roland Molloy case. It was the Melando woman's jewelry that the Somby girl had in her possession when she went to the "Little Savoy," a resort on West Thirty-fifth street, and which she pawned to keep up her debauch.

Miss Somby took up her residence at the East Kinney street house on Sept. 10 last. It is said that her mother disowned her because of her habits. Yesterday afternoon she telephoned from this city to Strobel that her clothing had been taken from her and asked him to bring some of her belongings that had been left in her room. He did so.

Strobel admits that he is the "Jack" she is said to have mentioned in her delirium.

A cab took the woman and "Jack" to the hospital last night, and as the man turned her over to the doctors he said:

**Anxious to Get Away.**

"This woman is Nellie Myrtle, of No. 31 Elm street, Newark. She disappeared from home four days ago, and I have just succeeded in finding her." The Little Savoy, from which she was taken to the hospital, is a hotel in West Thirty-fifth street, near Eighth avenue, kept by a negro named Barron Wilkins. It is said that the woman, or was given, the fatal dose of opium.

**Sold Valuable Jewelry.** Wilkins said that the woman appeared at his place on March 21, a week ago Thursday last, accompanied by Larry

Esquire, a negro, for whom the police are searching. She engaged the very best apartments—a suit on the parlor floor. Her display of jewelry, her excellent clothing and her actions naturally occasioned comment in the surroundings in which she had placed herself.

She drank much wine, ordered the choicest food and paid her bills from day to day, procuring funds by pawning her jewelry in a loan office in Eighth avenue. She kept herself in a constant supply of money, and at different times disposed of a large diamond earring, two diamond brooches, a solitaire diamond ring and five cluster rings, all representing a great value.

It was on Thursday last that the negro Esquire left "The Little Savoy," and later on the same day two men and a woman drove to the hotel in a cab and took the young woman's clothing and what remained of her jewelry. They left her not enough to dress herself for the street.

**Said She Was a Thief.** As the strange trio left the place Wilkins says they told him his pretty blond lodger was a thief and that all the fine things she possessed had been stolen.

It was early yesterday morning when a man asked for Nellie Myrtle at the Little Savoy. He was shown to her apartments, and she managed to borrow sufficient clothes to go out walking in the street. When he left her it was with the promise that he would return with clothing of her own.

Soon after he had gone the girl sent a messenger to a drug store, and so far as the police have been able to learn, it was then that the poison which killed her was purchased. At 4 o'clock she was found unconscious, and Wilkins summoned Dr. R. C. Frazer, of No. 22 West Thirty-fifth street, who said that she had no chance in a thousand of living.

## JEANNETTE SOMBY, WHO DIED OF POISON AFTER SHE HAD DISPOSED OF MANY VERY VALUABLE JEWELS



## POISONING ARRESTS, BUT MYSTERY DEEP

Police Unable to Learn How Two Girls Were Given Deadly Stuff Which Proved Fatal to One.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 2.—The mystery of the poisoning of Annie Owens and Ida Moore here has not yet been solved. The police have arrested five men and two women who were with the girls on the night they died, but they have found nothing that helps the authorities. They all say the two girls were bitter rivals.

Christopher Nolan, whom both knew, sat near them, and he says poison could not have been put in the glass of either without his seeing it. Ida Moore, who was the first to die, said she saw the poison being put in the glass of the drink which she was given. She said she saw the poison being put in the glass of the drink which she was given. She said she saw the poison being put in the glass of the drink which she was given.

Up that high the sun was beating furiously through the window. Miss Edna D. Beach, the stenographer, was hammering away at a typewriter to make up time while the boys were out. When she happened to look up and saw the celluloid on fire in the window. Rushing to another window, Miss Beach poked her head out and saw a fire up there. But she was too high in the air and no one heard her. Then she ran out into the hall and there screamed.

**Stampede of Tenants.** The tenants came out of that floor, rushed for the stairs and elevators, and soon there was a stampede of the tenants on many of the twenty-two floors to get out.

By this time considerable celluloid was on fire in room No. 208 and a column of dense black smoke was rolling up the stairs. Miss Beach had opened. This attracted the crowd in Broadway and Twenty-third street and in Madison Square, the same crowd which Miss Beach's frightened voice failed to reach.

Some one turned in a fire alarm and as the engine arrived the crowds grew larger. Until Fifth avenue, Broadway and Twenty-third street and Twenty-second street were blocked and thousands were crowding back into Madison Square.

**Volunteers Quick to Act.** Supt. Davis, of the Flatiron Building, composed of the sidewalk swarms, the elevator starter and the fourth floor porter, dashed up the elevator shaft, gave the reel of hose attached to it, and in a few minutes the fire was out.

By the time the regular firemen got up to the twentieth floor with their ladders and fire extinguishers Supt. Davis and his force had the fire under control and in a matter of few minutes had it out. Damage, \$300.

Chief Croker made a survey of the building and congratulated Miss Beach on giving the alarm so promptly, and advised her to get out of the building as soon as possible. The real chief also found that the standard system of the building was excellent.

**Fisher Bros., New Store.** The opening of their new establishment, at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Madison avenue, takes place to-day. The entire building will be devoted to the carrying on of a business of furniture and carpet business. The stock embraces the medium, low and high grades of goods, from the real value of the goods being placed at all times will be as low as and often lower than prevail in downtown New York.

Purchasing complete outfits at a special price is specialized, an outfit at \$15. Four rooms displayed in show rooms being a particularly attractive offering, as the real value of the goods being placed would figure up to \$150. To out-of-town customers extra inducements are offered. Fire Chief Davis and fire are allowed. Credit can be had for the asking.

**Explosion Jarred City.** Building Wrecked and Man Killed by Bursting of Air Tank.

MEADVILLE, Pa., April 2.—An air tank six by ten feet, exploded in the machine shop of the Erie Railroad shops here to-day, partially wrecking the immense building and killing one man instantly and injuring several. John C. Erickson, a gang foreman, thirty-seven years old, was the man killed, and those seriously injured were Harry Cummings and Ernest H. Hanson, clerks in the general foreman's office, and Capt. E. M. Hoffman, a machinist. The air tank was carrying about one hundred pounds pressure. The explosion jarred the entire city. It stopped all work in the machine shop until repairs are made.

## EMBEZZLER IS CAUGHT IN PARIS

Isaac Nebenzahl, Who Robbed New York Company of \$24,000, Captured by A. L. Drummond After Long Chase.

(Special to The Evening World.) A. L. Drummond, formerly Chief of the United States Secret Service, cabled to-day from Paris to his detective agency in this city that he had captured Isaac Nebenzahl, who has been a fugitive from justice on the continent since last May. Nebenzahl was treasurer of the Executive Shirt Company of this city and is wanted for the embezzlement of \$24,000.

Nebenzahl was treasurer of the concern and on May 5, 1903, he disappeared. Going to St. Louis, from there he made his way to Europe by way of Mexico. After his disappearance the firm failed and former Congressman Emerson, of Warrensburg, N. Y., one of the principal creditors, was appointed receiver. Mr. Emerson took it upon himself to run down Nebenzahl and engaged the Drummond Detective Agency for the task.

Not until late in February did the detectives watching at this end gain a clue to the whereabouts of Nebenzahl. Then they learned that he had written to his wife from Berlin.

This information was cabled to Mr. Drummond, who was then in Rome. He went to Berlin and found there Nebenzahl had left on the 1st of January, leaving no trail.

Followed Him to Vienna. Mr. Drummond learned enough about his man to lead to the belief that he had gone to Vienna, and to Vienna went the detective, accompanied by Inspector Charles McDaniel, of New York. Nebenzahl had left on the 1st of January, leaving no trail.

He found that Nebenzahl had gone to Paris direct, from Berlin and had put up at the Grand Hotel. From there Mr. Drummond traced him to a small family hotel and had him placed under the surveillance of a Paris detective until the necessary papers could be secured.

Nebenzahl appeared to be glad when he was arrested, and he said only \$30, which he announced was all the money he had in the world. Previous to his disappearance from New York he told Mr. Drummond he had lost \$24,000 in all.

Reputation papers have been prepared in a few days Mr. Drummond will start for New York with his prisoner.

**BRIDE AS SOON AS LANDED.** Emma Peterson Becomes Wife of Chief Machinist Nielsen.

P. E. Nielsen, Chief Machinist at the Navy Yard, Washington, was the most expectant of all those who watched the Scandinavian-American line steamer United States warp into her dock at Hoboken to-day. He was waiting for Miss Emma Peterson, of Endau, Denmark, the girl to whom he was betrothed seven years ago.

Miss Peterson was on board and one of the first to land. Without losing any time the couple, accompanied by Immigration Inspector McGregor, and Deputy Collector Von Dreese, went to the home of Charles McDaniel, of No. 82 Dryden street, and were married.

Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen then left for Washington, where Mr. Nielsen had fitted out a home for his bride. After leaving his native country Mr. Nielsen came to America and began work in the Navy Yard. His advancement was rapid, and to-day he is at the head of the mechanical department.

**Root Sees Roosevelt.** WASHINGTON, April 2.—Ex-Secretary of War Elihu Root and Mrs. Root are guests of friends in Washington. Mr. Root had a conference with the President to-day, but nothing concerning it was disclosed.

## MERCHANT'S WIFE OBTAINS DIVORCE

Wife of Charles L. Bucki Gets Decree Granted by Judge Keogh on the Report of Referee Campbell.

Supreme Court Justice Keogh, sitting at Special Term of the Supreme Court, at White Plains, to-day signed a decree granting a divorce to Mrs. Harriet T. Bucki, of Manhattan, from Charles L. Bucki, a former rich lumber merchant of New York City, on the report of Referee Campbell.

Justice Keogh several days ago held up the decree pending an investigation as to the residence of the plaintiff, but as the referee was a lawyer in his own right and had been satisfied on that point to-day.

Judge Keogh told a reporter the reason he did not sign the decree at first was because it was evident that both parties were residents of Manhattan, but as the referee was a lawyer in his judicial department he decided to sign the judgment.

"Coughlin asked me to seal papers," said Judge Keogh, "but that is against my practice."

**MINISTER SCORED BY JUDGE IN COURT.** Suit by Church Members Against Pastor to Recover Commissions on Oil Stock Prompts Scathing Talk.

WORCESTER, Mass., April 2.—Judge Samuel Utley, in the Central District Court, created a sensation to-day by denouncing in unmeasured terms the Rev. Roland A. Nichols, pastor of the Highland Street Church of Christ, in this city, and members of this congregation, who had appeared in court to testify in a suit growing out of an oil stock venture of the Rev. Mr. Nichols.

The plaintiffs, who were members of the congregation, were suing Rev. Mr. Nichols for commission money alleged to have been withheld from them by Mr. Nichols.

The judge, in concluding his views on the case, said that he could scarcely find words in which to express his disgust at the whole transaction. He characterized the oil stock deal as one of the worst schemes of deliberate theft which had ever come to his attention.

"This man," said the judge, "has made a den of thieves."

**HE BOUGHT STOLEN RING.** Isaac Morris Forced to Give Up Diamond He Paid For.

When Isaac Morris bought a diamond ring worth \$150 from Arthur Marks two days ago he was proud of his purchase. His pride vanished in Centre Street Police Court to-day when he had to return the ring and found that Marks had spent the money.

The ring was one of two stolen from W. C. Spalding, a diamond merchant, at No. 61 Nassau street, by his messenger, Louis Lightenberg, Young Louis Lightenberg was arrested last night, admitted the theft and said he had given one of the rings to Marks for \$25. Marks was found and admitted selling the ring to Morris for \$150.

Lightenberg and Marks were held by the Magistrate for examination. Morris was released after he had been stripped of his diamond ring.

**Theatrical Manager Dead.** WASHINGTON, April 1.—Samuel J. Kinney, once manager of the National Theatre here and well known in theatrical circles, was found dead here to-day. He was sixty years old. Valuable pieces of the heart is given as the cause of death.

## SEEKS TO BREAK WILLARD'S WILL

Mrs. Helen V. Bell, Daughter of Testator, Accuses Brother Oswald of Prejudicing Father Against Her When She Wed.

The legal contention between Mrs. Helen Villard Bell, of Germany, and her brother, Oswald Villard, over the estate of their father, the late Henry Villard, had a round in Manhattan to-day.

Mrs. Bell received only a \$25,000 bequest and an annuity of \$5,000 from a trust fund under her father's will, her brother receiving the rest. She asserts that her brother had transferred valuable securities to her in 1894, but that at his death, in 1896, she was unable to find the record of it. She also alleges that her father made a will, under which she would have fared much better than she is now, as she was provided for by her brother Oswald.

**Books Must Be Produced.** The case has been on trial before Justice Keogh, of the Supreme Court at White Plains, and Justice Keogh signed the order upon which Gustav Ulbricht, who was Henry Villard's private secretary, was directed to appear with books, records and papers before Justice O'Gorman, of the Supreme Court, Manhattan, to-day, for examination about the alleged transfer by Henry Villard to his daughter Helen of securities in 1894.

Henry Villard was worth \$40,000,000 at one time, but got into difficulties and went to the wall. The magnificent palace built by him and occupying the whole block between Fifth and Fifty-first streets, on Madison avenue, opposite the archiepiscopal palace of Archbishop Purley and the rectory of Dr. Lavelle, was sold. Dr. Ogden Mills bought it and gave it to his daughter, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid.

Left Fortune of \$10,000,000. Henry Villard was down, but he did not stay down, and when he died five years later he left a fortune of about \$10,000,000, it is said.

Oswald Villard's sister charges that he had arranged a marriage for her to a titled European, and when she illustrated she had a will of her own, by repudiating this arrangement and choosing her own husband, a talented young Irishman named Bell, Oswald set about nullifying a prejudice against her in his father's mind and thus obtained his father's acquiescence in a will which left her only a tithe of her father's share in her father's millions.

Secretary Ulbricht said that fourteen years prior to the death of Henry Villard, in 1900, he kept all of Mr. Villard's books, including his private ledger. Ulbricht said he remembered that on Dec. 21, 1894, \$40,000 Northern Pacific collateral trust notes, credited to Miss Villard were sold for \$27,500.30, and \$7 Northern Pacific mortgage bonds at \$5.50 were bought at a cost of \$7,275.

"By whose order?" asked Miss Villard's attorney. "By Mr. Villard in person. The sales were made between Aug. 17 and Nov. 21, and the Northern Pacific securities were bought in December, 1894."

Ulbricht says no changes were made in Miss Villard's account subsequent to Nov. 1, 1894, in addition to the one he had described. He said that he had twenty-six shares of Evening Post stock, at \$500 a share, transferred from Miss Villard's account to any one else.

Objections stopped the answer to this and a dozen questions were asked, and then the hearing was adjourned for a week.

**BROTHER FATALLY SCALDS HIS SISTER.** Overturns Teakettle, to Which He Had Attached String, and the Contents Horribly Burn Little Girl.

Lena Sergio, five years old, living at No. 111 Union street, Brooklyn, was scalded to death to-day by the overturning of a kettle to which her brother had tied a piece of string.

The children were left alone in the kitchen. Tommy, four years old, saw the steam coming out of the kettle and he hit upon an idea of making it a locomotive and a piece of string, which he had attached to the kettle, a train of cars.

In the excitement of the play Tommy jerked too heavily on the kettle and it overturned. Lena was almost directly under the fall of boiling water. Her face and body were horribly scalded.

The cries of the child attracted the mother and the neighbors, who quickly summoned a doctor. Nothing could be done for the child and she died soon after.

**MISSING BOY DEAD, HANGING IN STABLE.** Police Called to Home of Uncle Discover Sixteen-Year-Old William Ulrich Lingered—Had Been Gone a Week.

William Ulrich, sixteen years of age, who lived on Metropolitan avenue, Middle Village, L. I., was found hanging in a stable owned by his uncle, Ludwig Schmidt, to-day.

The boy had been missing for about a week and Policeman Neuseid, of the Newtown force, was summoned to the house to-day and he discovered the lad. He immediately sent a hurry call for an ambulance, but the doctor who responded pronounced young Ulrich dead.

The body was taken to Singer's Morgue by order of Coroner Ruger.

## GIRL WHO ELOPED RETURNS HOME

Frances Flynn Begs Her Parents Forgiveness, but Is Taken Before Police Magistrate at Long Island City.

Pretty Frances Flynn, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Fireman James Flynn, of Engine Company No. 13, of the Long Island City Fire Department, wept bitterly when arraigned before Magistrate Smith, of the Long Island City Court, this morning and begged to be permitted to go back to Edward McNally, with whom she eloped last Sunday and whom she says she married.

Miss Flynn or Mrs. McNally, as she prefers to be called, is large for her years and has the appearance of a woman of twenty instead of a girl of sixteen. She worked as a stenographer in the office of the New York Manufacturing Company, New York Island City, where Edward McNally was foreman. He is forty years old.

Last Sunday the two eloped, the young girl leaving a letter to her father in which she said: "Ed and I have been married two months and are now going to be happy. You must not try to find me. If you do I will see you in court." She said she would see you in court.

As these politicians are men of great influence, the father did not take any steps to trace his daughter. She and McNally went to Kearny, N. J., to live. Last night she returned to her home, at No. 83 Crescent street, and begged forgiveness and asked that McNally be taken in as one of the family. Instead of kissing her and giving her a welcome Mrs. Flynn had her daughter arrested.

In court to-day the girl produced a letter signed by the Rev. Dr. Macklinson, pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, Kearny, N. J., in which it was said that he had married Frances Flynn and Edward McNally last Monday. She begged her mother to let her return to McNally, but Mrs. Flynn was not moved by her tears. She insisted that the Magistrate hold the girl and issue a warrant for the arrest of McNally charging him with abduction. Magistrate Smith said he would think about the case before giving a decision.

**OFFICER BOSSE RELEASED.** No Evidence that He Caused Death of Patrick Farrell.

Policeman William H. Bosse, of the Classon Avenue Station, in Brooklyn, who was arrested several days ago charged with causing the death of Patrick Farrell, bartender in a saloon at Myrtle avenue and Raymond street, was discharged to-day on a writ of habeas corpus by Supreme Court Justice Gaynor.

Farrell was found in a dying condition in the saloon last Sunday, and it was alleged that Bosse, who had been on excise duty, had clubbed him. Bosse was arrested and held for trial by Magistrate Higgins on a charge of murder in the first degree. He was committed on an "information and belief" affidavit, although there was no evidence of any kind against him.

His lawyer had him before Justice Gaynor on a writ of habeas corpus. Justice Gaynor denounced the arrest and commitment as an outrage. He said there was no evidence against the man and ordered his instant discharge.

**WHAT BROTHER FRANCIS SAYS ABOUT FATHER JOHN'S.**

Brother Francis, of St. Philip's Home for Industrial Boys, 411 Broadway street, New York City, in a letter written June 6, 1902, to the Rev. Mr. Nichols, pastor of the Highland Street Church of Christ, in this city, and members of this congregation, who had appeared in court to testify in a suit growing out of an oil stock venture of the Rev. Mr. Nichols.

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